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15. ~~(C/NFO)~~ THE APPOINTMENT OF COL. VICENTE DAMASCO AS MIN. OF INTERIOR (SEE IN (b)(3):10 USC 424) REMAINS THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN ARMY CIRCLES. MANY OFFICERS ARE CONFUSED AND DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IMPLICATIONS IT HAS FOR THE ARMY AS A WHOLE. THIS MORNING LTG LAPLANE HELD A TWO HOUR MEETING WITH ALL HIS GENERALS AND COLONELS ON THE ARMY STAFF. THE CORPS COMMANDERS WERE IN THE HEADQUARTERS AND IN ALL PROBABILITY ATTENDED THE SAME CONFERENCE WHICH LASTED TWO HOURS. THE GENERALS ARE REPORTEDLY MEETING AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON AT THE HQ'S. A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE INDICATES THAT THERE IS A MAJOR SPLIT IN THE RANKS WITH GENERAL VIDELA LEADING THE OPPOSITION AGAINST GENERAL LAPLANE.

2. CMT ~~(C/NFO)~~ LAPLANE LIKELY GATHERED HIS STAFF TO DISCUSS THE DAMASCO SITUATION AND PERHAPS PROVIDED THEM GUIDANCE ON HOW THE INSTITUTION WOULD ADDRESS THE SUBJECT. THE ARMY IS GOING THROUGH TROUBLED TIMES AND LAPLANE MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY WEATHERING THE STORM. RUMORS ARE NOW CIRCULATING THAT MAJOR CHANGES IN THE ARMY MAY TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (15 AUG 75).

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